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UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the  
M E D I C A L   O F F I C E R   O F   H E A L T H  
for the year ending 31st December, 1953.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. C. Jordan (Chairman),  
Councillor J. Hardman (Vice-Chairman), and all members of the  
Council.

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Medical Officer of Health: G. H. Potter, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S.,  
                                  L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector: J. Terence Iball.



UP HOLLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Up Holland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report on the health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1953, compiled in the abbreviated form indicated by the Ministry of Health.

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area : 4,686 acres.

Population (Census 1931) : 5,538

Estimated mid-1953 (Registrar General) : 6,418.

Total Number of houses (Census 1931) : 1,199.

Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1953 according  
to Rate Book : 1,860.

Rateable Value : £23,473.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate : £88.

Up Holland is chiefly an agricultural area. Other industries include brickmaking and mining.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live Births: (Legitimate	61	37	98
(Illegitimate.	1	2	3
Total.	62	39	101
Still Births: (Legitimate	4	2	6
(Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total.	4	2	6
Deaths of			
Infants under (Legitimate	1	1	2
1 year of age: (Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total.	1	1	2
Deaths of			
Infants under (Legitimate	Nil	1	1
4 weeks of age: (Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total.	Nil	1	1

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DEATHS :	37	21	58

Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1953...15.7  
Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population mid-1953... 9.8





STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARATIVE STATISTICS IN RESPECT OF THE YEARS  
1948 - 1953.

	Live Births.		Deaths. (all causes)		Stillbirths.		Maternal Mortality.	
	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 total births.	No. of deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 total births.
Year 1953.	101	15.7	58	9.8	6	56	Nil	Nil
Year 1952.	95	15.0	65	11.2	1	10	Nil	Nil
" 1951.	101	16.0	71	12.2	1	10	Nil	Nil
" 1950.	95	15.5	66	10.7	2	21	Nil	Nil
" 1949.	103	16.8	76	12.4	2	19	Nil	Nil
" 1948.	127	20.7	54	8.8	1	7	Nil	Nil
Average 5 years.	-	16.8	-	11.0	-	13	Nil	Nil

	Infant Mortality.			
	Total		Neo-natal	
	No. of Deaths regis- tered.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.
Year 1953.	2	20	2	10
Year 1952.	3	32	3	32
" 1951.	4	40	3	30
" 1950.	6	63	3	32
" 1949.	4	39	-	-
" 1948.	4	31	-	-
Average 5 years.	-	41	-	18

Adjusted (live Birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.00) = 15.7 per 1,000  
(death-rate comparability factor 1.09) = 9.2 per 1,000

In the next table are shown the chief causes of Death and number of Deaths from each cause in 1953, and comparative figures for the year 1952:-

Cause of Death.	No. of Deaths in 1952.	No. in 1953.
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1	---
Tuberculosis, other.	---	---
Diphtheria.	---	---
Whooping Cough.	---	---
Meningococcal infections.	---	1
Acute poliomyelitis.	---	---
Measles.	---	---
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	---	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	---	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	---	---
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	9	4
Diabetes.	---	---
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	12	12
Coronary disease, angina.	8	9
Hypertensions with heart disease.	1	1
Other heart disease.	19	13
Carried forward.	51	43





<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>No. of Deaths in 1952.</u>	<u>No. in 1953.</u>
Brought forward.	51	43
Other circulatory disease.	1	2
Influenza.	---	---
Pneumonia.	---	2
Bronchitis.	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	---	2
Ulcer of stomach and deudenum.	1	---
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	---	---
Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	---
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	---	---
Congenital malformations.	---	---
All other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	6
Suicide.	1	1
Accidents.	1	---
Totals.	<u>65</u>	<u>58</u>

## 2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Laboratory Arrangements. Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Pathological Department of the Wigan Royal Infirmary and the Liverpool Corporation, and the arrangements are satisfactory. A report on every examination is made to the Public Health Department.

Ambulance Arrangements. The Ambulances of the Wigan Corporation are used under an Agency Agreement with the Lancashire County Council and this arrangement is considered to be satisfactory.

National Assistance Act, 1948. No action under Section 47 of this Act was taken by the Authority during the year 1953.

## 3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply. The water supply is obtained from Deep Wells in the District, situate at Roby Mill and Tontine.

12 samples of water were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, the results of which proved to be satisfactory. 4 samples of water were sent for chemical analysis, the results of which showed large deposits of iron-oxide in suspension and solution at a rate of 1.65 parts per million.

Regular chlorination of the water supply is carried out. 1853 houses in the district have a piped supply of water from the main and 6 houses obtain their supply from wells.

Drainage and Sewerage. There are six small Sewage Disposal Works in the District. The main works (Dams Head) are in satisfactory condition. The smaller works have been functioning as satisfactorily as possible, bearing in mind the type of Works.

### Sanitary Accommodation (at end of 1953).

Number of Privy Middens	...	90
Number of closets attached to these middens	...	153
Number of pail closets.	...	32
Number of dry ashpits (excluding middens)	...	180
Number of moveable ashbins	...	1396
Number of fresh water closets	...	1862
Number of houses on water carriage system	...	1615

Under the General Conversion Scheme, the Local Authority pays a contribution of £6. 0. 0. per conversion. Eleven conversions were made in 1953.





Public Cleansing. Street scavenging and removal of house refuse are carried out by the Local Authority.

Privy middens and ashbins are emptied regularly and the Council's own refuse Collection Vehicle is engaged in the removal of refuse to controlled tips.

There is no destructor in the District.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Number of premises visited	...	...	...	96
Number of nuisances discovered	...	...	...	38
Number of nuisances abated	...	...	...	25
Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	17
Number of Legal Proceedings	...	...	...	Nil

Shops and Offices. 14 inspections were carried out during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation and temperature of shops and sanitary conveniences.

Camping Sites. There are none in the District.

Smoke Abatement. There are 9 factory and works chimneys in the district. No special observations were taken during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools. There are none in the District.

Disinfestation of Verminous Premises. No houses were found to be infested during the year.

Insecticides are distributed free where considered necessary by the Local Authority.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. Tips are serviced every month. Agricultural properties are inspected once a year, and periodic inspection of shops undertaken for the destruction of rodents.

Schools.

Total number of Schools in the District	...	...	8
Number of Schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces	...	...	2
Number of Schools with fresh water closets	...	...	8
Number of Schools with dust-bins	...	...	8
Number of Schools supplied with water from mains	...	...	8
Number of Schools with drainage to public sewers	...	...	8

The facilities for handling meals at the Schools are considered satisfactory.

4. HOUSING.

The Council are still preserving the act of policy with regard to the erection of Council Houses, and when tenants from substantial houses are rehoused, then action is taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936 with regard to the dwellings affected. During the year, 4 dwellings were closed and in respect of 5 others representation was made by the owners of the properties, and were accepted by the Council in 5 cases.

From preliminary surveys carried out, it appears that approximately 120 houses have a life limit of not more than 10 years, and it is therefore necessary for the Council to proceed as expeditiously as possible with their housing programme.



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## HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

Traditional permanent houses:-

(i)	By the Local Authority	...	...	46
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	..	...	nil
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	..	...	4

### 1. INSPECTION of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	86
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	86
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932.	nil
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purposes	nil
(3)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	9
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	24

### 2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS during the year without service of formal notices:

	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers.	33
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### 3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS during the year:

#### (A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which, after service of formal notices, were rendered fit:-	
	(a) By owners.	nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	nil

#### (B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	24
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By owners.	21
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	nil

#### (C) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	nil

#### (D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	nil

### 4. HOUSING ACT, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding:-

(a)	(i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year.	28
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein.	Not known.
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein.	Not known.
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.	4.
(c)	(i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	12.
	(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases.	approx. 38.





## 5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. MILK SUPPLY. Routine inspections of farms and dairies have been carried out and a good standard of cleanliness maintained. 4 samples of milk for bacteriological and chemical analysis were taken during the year and which proved to be satisfactory.
2. MEAT. There is no slaughterhouse in the District.
3. FOOD POISONING. No outbreak of Food Poisoning occurred during the year.
4. ICE CREAM. There is one ice-cream manufacturer in the District. The premises have been inspected regularly and found to be satisfactory. Four samples were taken during the year and proved to be satisfactory. Licences are issued for the sale of wrapped ice-cream on application being approved and premises found to be satisfactory on inspection.
5. BYELAWS. The Local Authority adopted Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air.

The No. of food premises, by type of business, in the district at end of the year were:-

Provision Merchants	...	...	...	31
Butchers	...	...	...	3
Confectioners and Bakers	...	...	...	3

The No. of food premises, by type, registered under S.14 of the Food & Drugs Act or under Local Acts were:-

Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	1
Preserved Meats	...	...	3

During the year, special examinations of food stocks or consignments were carried out and the following were condemned:-

Pressed beef.	...	...	6 lbs.
Nestles Milk and Carnation Milk.	...	...	1½ lbs.
Boiled ham.	...	...	9 lbs.
Ox tongue.	...	...	6 lbs.
Various tinned fruit.	...	...	10 lbs.

The method of disposal of all condemned food was by depositing on the Local Authority's Refuse tip.

## 6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During 1953, cases of Infectious Disease requiring Hospital treatment were removed to Whelley Hospital and Astley Sanatorium.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Free immunisation against Diphtheria is provided for any pre-school or school child. During 1953, 59 pre-school and 31 school children were immunised. In addition 108 children were given a secondary or boosting injection.

43 cases of Whooping Cough of a mild type were notified during 1953.

151 cases of Measles were notified during 1953.



# TABLE OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1953.

Diseases.	Total cases all ages.	<u>Age Periods - Years.</u>									65 and over.	Total Deaths.	Total cases remov- ed to Hosp- ital.	Deaths in Hosp-ital.
		0-	1-	3-	5-	10-	15-	25-	45-					
Scarlet Fever.	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Measles.	151	10	32	36	65	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough.	43	5	12	17	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acute Pneumonia.	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Puerperal pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acute Poliomyelitis.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	206	16	44	54	79	7	-	2	2	2	-	1	-	

DISINFECTION. Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Local Authority. Dwelling houses are dealt with on removal of cases to Hospital or release from isolation of infectious cases.

During 1953 - 8 houses were disinfected.

Houses are disinfected by the method of Formaldehyde fumigators.

TUBERCULOSIS. This service is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, and Up Holland cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

Five new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1953. Three being cases of Pulmonary and two Non-Pulmonary. No Deaths from Tuberculosis were registered during the year.

The following Table shows the new cases of Tuberculosis in age groups:-

Age Periods.	<u>New Cases.</u>			
	<u>Respiratory.</u>		<u>Non-respiratory.</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	2	-
10-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
20-	-	2	-	-
25-	-	1	-	-
35-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards	-	-	-	-
	-	3	2	-
Totals.	3		2	

I am Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,

G. H. POTTER,

Medical Officer of Health.

